

Table to Table food recycling saves agencies' funds, serves clients

Table to Table was green before green was "good." Executive Director since 2001, Bob Andrlik can't stop talking about the organization he serves, describing the nonprofit as a "win-win" for area grocers, restaurants and food servers and the agencies it helps.

In 2008, the Community Foundation of Johnson County awarded Table to Table a \$10,000 grant to help the 501.c.3 organization with operating expenses. Table to Table functions with minimal paid staff: one full-time and three part-time employees. Its 50 volunteers are the engine of the organization, picking up and delivering food where it is needed.

With food costs on the rise this recycler is needed now more than ever. Since founding 12 years ago, the nonprofit organization has become a "green" superstar, rescuing and recycling by redistributing 5.6 million pounds of consumable, usable food to serve nearly 30 nonprofit agencies and their clients in any given year.

Last year, Table to Table rescued and delivered 672,000 pounds of food. "That's the equivalent of 449,000 meals for area residents," says Bob, who calculates 1.5 pounds of food is needed for each meal or

a raw cost savings of \$2 per meal for each end-use consumer. "Our programs save nearly \$.9 million annually for Johnson County agency recipients," says Bob.

"The agencies we serve also derive a direct value because their staff doesn't have to purchase food we distribute or divert time from serving clients to plan meals and shop."

Bob approximates the overall value of his agency's work between \$1.25 to \$1.5 million. He says Table to Table's efforts helped Domestic Violence Intervention Program reduce its food line item budget from \$25,000 to \$1,500 — a savings of \$23,500 a year.

Another direct benefit of recycling usable food is reduced landfill and the fees saved when food is recycling and consumed instead of disposed — another \$13,000 in savings.

Every week, 33 Table to Table volunteers are needed to pick up and deliver food supplies in Johnson County. Bob says, "Our volunteers are ambassadors. We couldn't do it without them. The food we recycle goes out quickly so people have food to eat that night."

On the cover: Table to Table is one of only 143 food rescues in the U.S. and the only one in Iowa. Volunteers Karen Malmberg (left) and Cindy Brooks pick up produce, dairy and bread donations from New Pioneer Co-op.



This page: Cindy Brooks (right) picks up a bread donation from New Pioneer Co-op employee Josh Schweitzer.

Community Foundation of Johnson County

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Grant applications due October 1

Applications may be made online or mailed to the Community Foundation of Johnson County office at 325 E. Washington Street. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on October 1, 2008.

Did you know? 10 reasons people give to community foundations

1. The Community Foundation is a local organization with deep roots in the community.
2. Our professional program staff/ governing bodies have broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
3. The Community Foundation provides highly personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.
4. Donor Advised Funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
5. The Community Foundation accepts a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. We offer maximum tax advantage under state and federal law- including Endow Iowa tax credit opportunities.
8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. The Community Foundation builds endowment funds that benefit the communities they serve forever and help create personal legacies.
10. Our Community Foundation Board of Directors are community leaders, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.



COMMUNITY Shade

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2008



Dinner is served
Grant supports efforts of Table to Table

More than \$1 million to aid community projects

Total Grants: \$1,015,705

January 1, 2000 to December 15, 2007

Health/Human Services \$321,317 32%

Arts/Culture \$256,478 25%

Agency Matches \$157,106 16%

Other \$114,116 11%

Education \$59,020 6%

Community Development \$57,909 5%

Youth \$31,289 3%

Environment \$18,470 2%

Since founding in 2000, the Community Foundation of Johnson County (CFJC) achieved another major milestone. The nonprofit foundation granted more than \$1 million to Johnson County communities and organizations it serves.

In the 2008 granting cycle, the foundation awarded more than \$85,000 to 32 local nonprofit community organizations – an 8-fold increase since the first year of funding. In 2001, the foundation awarded grants in the amount of \$10,520.

CFJC President Joan Benson said she is delighted the Community Foundation continues its successful granting practice. “We are very pleased individuals, organizations and businesses continue to see the benefit of investing in a local community foundation to reach this new landmark. We are pleased our grants are awarded to deserving projects and organizations that benefit area citizens.”

Another milestone for the local philanthropic organization, according Michael Stoffregen, CFJC executive director, was growth in its Community Affiliate Fund. Two of Johnson County’s growing cities, North Liberty and Tiffin, created new funds for their respective communities. They join Coralville, Swisher and Lone Tree as communities that have funds to aid their community projects.

Stoffregen said the Community Foundation received more than \$5 million in bequests and pledges to date. “The Foundation continues to work with a number of organizations and individuals who are very committed to the organization’s mission and plan more than \$2 million in new funds.”

Stoffregen said, “The Community Foundation benefits greatly from the Endow Iowa 20 percent state tax credits. The State of Iowa created the program for contributors who support long-term endowment programs. And thankfully, it’s working for the Johnson County area.”

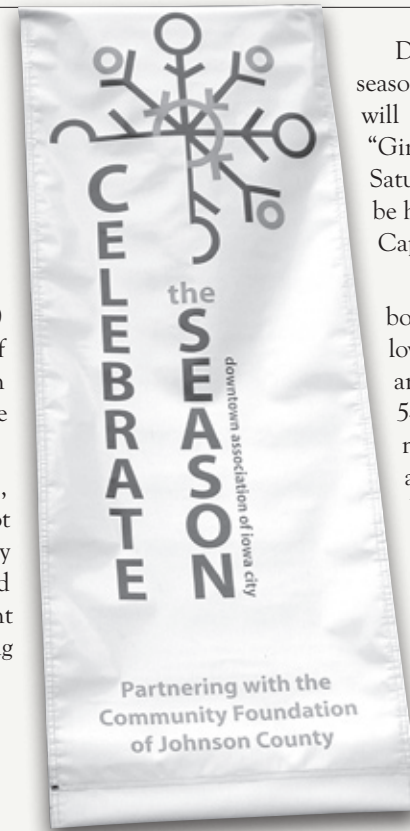
The Community Foundation investment policy includes asset allocation guidelines, a spending policy and criteria to measure investment performance.

CFJC and DTA banners promote holiday activities and events

This past holiday season, visitors to Iowa City were warmly greeted by 36 “Celebrating the Season” welcome banners on downtown streets. The cheery, snowflake-logo that appeared on each banner proudly proclaimed the official start of holiday season. City of Iowa City crews hoisted the banners.

The project was the result of a \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Johnson County awarded to the Downtown Association of Iowa City and a cooperative effort by both nonprofit organizations.

DTA President Craig Gustaveson, Austin Burke Clothiers, says the six-foot banners announce a DTA signature holiday event offering a series of family-oriented activities. “The DTA is creating excitement in the downtown to promote local shopping during the holiday season.”



DTA will celebrate the 2008 holiday season with several activities. The season will launch on Friday, December 5. A “Gingerbread House Build” will be held Saturday, December 13. “Kids Day” will be held Sunday December 21, in the Old Capital Town Center.

A “Storybook Season,” featuring books for all ages that promote the love of literature and complement the area’s literacy, will be held December 5-21. The books will be on display in numerous downtown store windows and a complete listing of books will be available.

DTA designed the banner logo for visibility. The vinyl banners, which have a life of three to five years, were printed by Bankers Advertising/TruArt Color Graphics.

Endow Iowa

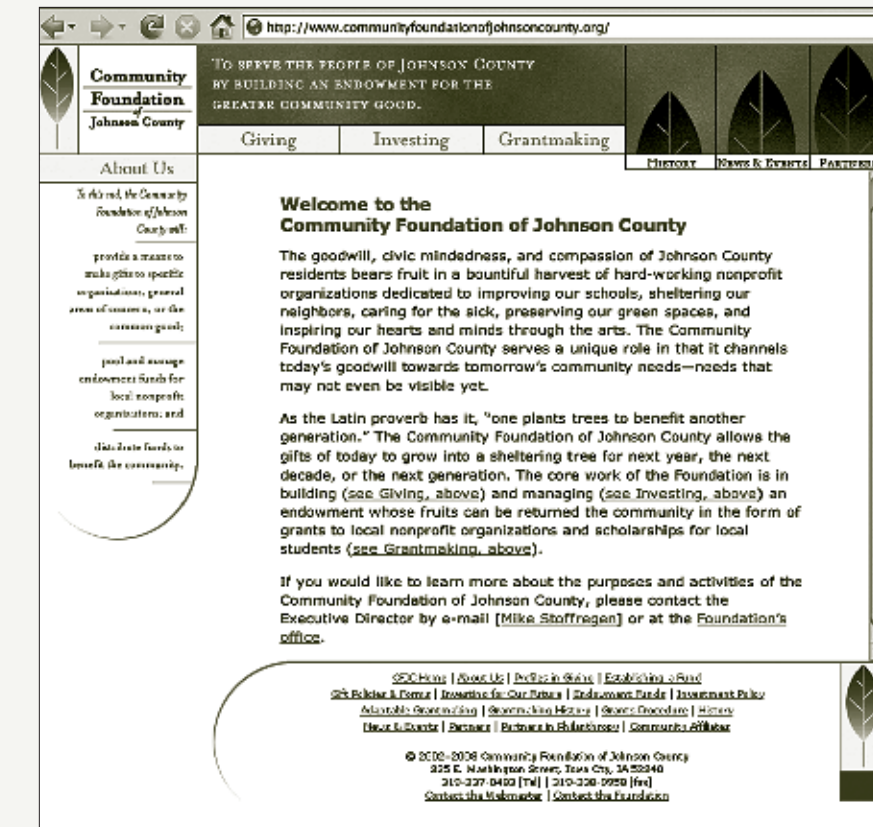
Endow Iowa was created to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Iowa through increased philanthropic activity encouraging new investments to community foundations across Iowa. Developed by the Iowa Council of Foundations and administered by the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the program helps build endowment funds and the community’s financial resources to fund community betterment which helps strengthen and secure Iowa’s future.

The Endow Iowa Program offers contributors an Endow Iowa Tax Credit for an investment in the Community Foundation of Johnson County. Credits offer taxpayers the opportunity to apply (on a first-come, first-served basis) for a possible 20 percent tax credit against each year’s taxes in addition to the normal charitable income tax deduction for charitable gifts. Gifts must be made to a permanently-endowed Community Foundation of Johnson County fund to benefit area charitable causes. The tax credits can be claimed by individuals, businesses, or financial institutions.

The Iowa Legislature extended Endow Iowa Program tax credits through 2010.

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CFJC Web update



Some of cable-TV’s most popular shows demonstrate how to update your home or your style by making very minor adjustments. Eh viol’ a, the Community Foundation of Johnson County Web site.

Thanks to the efforts of Matalyst Consulting LLC of Iowa City, www.communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org has been refreshed to include a “Partners” section. After clicking on Partners, viewers may select “Community Fund Affiliates” or “Partners in Philanthropy.”

Six community funds are featured on the Community Fund Affiliates page and nearly 70 endowed funds appear on the Partners in Philanthropy page. Each community is profiled, and each partner listed has the opportunity to develop a profile to further highlight their endowed grant and funding opportunities.

The site touch-up also included enhanced highlighting as viewers scroll over the site’s sections. And at the bottom of the page, the site map and contact information was also improved.

Future tweaks in the CFJC Web site makeover will allow staff to update the Web site quickly with news and information.

New Partners

Local Foods Connection empowers sustainable farmers and assists families in need of a helping hand. Community supported agriculture shares are purchased from local farmers and distributed free-of-charge to low-to-moderate income Johnson County families. Local Foods Connection also offers families education and nutrition services. In the last 10 years, more than 120 families have been helped.

Stay in touch via e-mail

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